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4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The washing apparatus of claim 1 or 2, wherein the driving side base further has a control means (16) for controlling the rotation of the stirring blade.

6. (Original) The washing apparatus of claim 1 or 2, wherein the washing tank further comprises a grip portion (17) disposed close to the opening.

7. (Original) The washing apparatus of claim 1 or 2, wherein the washing tank has at least one water level line (18) formed on the inner wall thereof, and the water level line indicates the level of the wash water poured into the washing tank.

8. (Previously presented) The washing apparatus of claim 1 or 2, wherein the washing tank has at least one wash assisting convex (19) portion disposed nearly vertically close to the bottom of the inner wall thereof.

9. (Currently amended) The washing apparatus of claim 1 or 2, wherein ~~the washing tank further includes a~~ the cover (20) is disposed at the opening, the cover being able to open and close.

10. (Original) The washing apparatus of claim 9, wherein the cover has a lock mechanism (21) to keep the cover closed.

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11. (Withdrawn) The washing apparatus of claim 9, wherein ~~the cover (20b) has a hole (23) for draining wash water in the washing tank, and~~

when the washing tank is inclined or turned upside down, the wash water is discharged out of the washing tank.

12. (Withdrawn) The washing apparatus of claim 11, wherein the cover (20c) further includes a draining rib (24) disposed at an exterior side of the hole.

13. (Withdrawn) The washing apparatus of claim 11, wherein the cover (20d) further has a projection (25) disposed at the washing tank side of the hole, and  
the projection may prevent the hole from being closed with the laundry.

14. (Withdrawn) The washing apparatus of claim 1 or 2, wherein the washing tank (1d) further includes a bottom drain hose (26) disposed nearly at the lower portion of the washing tank, and

the drain hose is used to discharge the wash water out of the washing tank.

15. (Withdrawn) The washing apparatus of claim 14, wherein the washing tank (1d) further comprises a lower cut-off valve (29) disposed in the drain passage of the bottom drain hose, and

the lower cut-off valve serves to control the drain.

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16. (Withdrawn) The washing apparatus of claim 1 or 2, wherein the washing tank (1e) further includes a feed water passage (30) disposed near the upper portion of the washing tank, and

the feed water passage supplies water into the washing tank.

17. (Withdrawn) The washing apparatus of claim 1 or 2, wherein the washing tank (1f) further comprises an upper drain hole (32) disposed near the upper portion of the washing tank, and

an upper drain hose (33) connected to the upper drain hole.

18. (Withdrawn) The washing apparatus of claim 17, wherein the washing tank further comprises an upper drain cut-off valve (34) disposed in the drain passage of the upper drain hose (33a), and the upper drain cut-off valve serves to control a drain.

19. (Previously presented) The washing apparatus of claim 1 or 2, wherein the driving side base (7c) has a guide (34) disposed at a top of the driving side base, and  
when the washing tank is mounted on top of the driving side base, the guide is connected to a lower portion of the washing tank.

20. (Original) The washing apparatus of claim 19, wherein the driving side base (7d) further includes a tank fixing support portion (36),  
the washing tank (1g) further includes a tank fixing portion (37),

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the tank fixing support portion and the tank fixing portion forms a tank fixing lock mechanism, and

the washing tank is fixed on the driving side base by the tank fixing support portion and the tank fixing portion.

21. (Previously presented) The washing apparatus of claim 1 or 2, wherein the driving side base (7e) further comprises a connection detector (39) and a controller (40);

the connection detector serves to detect a connection and separation between the driving side base and the washing tank (1h); and

the controller serves to control a rotation of the rotary drive unit (8) with the output from the connection detector.

22. (Previously presented) The washing apparatus of claim 1 or 2, wherein the driving side base (7f) comprises a protective projection (41) disposed so as to cover a periphery of the second transfer joint (10).

23. (Withdrawn) The washing apparatus of claim 1 or 2, wherein the driving side base (7g) includes a drain passage (42) disposed at top of the driving side base, and

the drain passage serves to discharge a water staying around the second transfer joint.

24. (Withdrawn) The washing apparatus of claim 1 or 2, wherein the driving side base (7h) further comprises an internal drain passage (43) disposed inside the driving side base,

the washing tank further (1i) has a drain hole (45) provided with a drain valve, and

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at a state that the washing tank is mounted on the driving side base, the drain valve opens, then the washing tank and the internal drain passage are connected with each other via the drain hole.

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